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## **Patent Application**

Applicant(s): Paul Cooper Davis

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Quang D. Vu

Title:

Mixed Signal Integrated Circuit

with Improved Isolation

#### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the Amendment. In the event of any nonpayment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0762 as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the final Office Action dated December 16, 2002, Applicant submits herewith the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application. Applicant had previously filed a Notice of Appeal on April 16, 2003, which was received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 22, 2003.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 26-29 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 2, 3, 6-8 and 15-17 by rewriting same as follows:

2. (Amended) The integrated circuit of claim 30, further comprising:

a plurality of conductive plugs formed in the substrate, the plugs providing a substantially low resistance path for electrically connecting the conductive layer to the isolation buried layer.

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